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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Official Action mailed March 7, 2007. The present response is timely filed by April 9, 2007, by virtue of April 7 falling on a Saturday.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the invention to one of the following groups:

Group I: claims 30-31, 33-35, and 37, drawn to a polynucleotide; a plasmid comprising said polynucleotide, a plant transformed therewith, and a method for changing morphology of a plant comprising transforming a plant with said construct;

Group II: claims 32-33, drawn to a polynucleotide in a reverse orientation and a plasmid comprising said polynucleotide;

Group III: claims 36 and 37, drawn to a method for changing the morphology of a plant; or

Group IV, claim 38, drawn to a protein mixture.